



# the grapevine

27 MAY 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

## notes from Patty

After 2 weeks sick leave and a week of annual leave, I am back part-time, 30 hours per week for the next 4 weeks.

Some news from the Assembly  
The reconvened meeting of the 16th Assembly began with a historic renewal of the Covenant between the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), reaffirming the place of this relationship at the heart of the UCA.

Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis led a liturgy of renewal together with UAICC National Interim Chairperson Rev Mark Kickett during the

worship at the commencement of the reconvened 16th Assembly.

It was a time of both a celebration of this important commitment and a time of confession for the ways we have not honoured or lived up to the vision of the Covenant.

The Uniting Church first entered into a Covenant with UAICC in 1994 when Dr Jill Tabart, President of the Assembly, and Pastor Bill Hollingsworth, Chairperson of the UAICC, read the Covenanting Statement at the 7th Assembly meeting. Tonight 16th Assembly members were invited to read this statement again.

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Rev Mark Kickett responded to the renewal of the Covenant outlining its significance for and appreciation from Congress members.

In reflecting on the significance of the renewal of the Covenant ahead of the meeting, the President shared her hopes that the renewing of the Covenant would give renewed energy to local relationships between First and Second Peoples.

*"I hope it is an invitation for those congregations and communities that have relationships with First Nations people to deepen that relationship, and for those that don't, to consider how they might respectfully explore the possibility of developing connections with a local First Nations community or organisation."*

For the complete report see <https://uniting.church/renewing-the-covenant/>

*Rev Patty Lawrence*

Broken Bay Uniting Church

**thank you** to all those who helped with the pie drive and stalls on Election Day. About \$2200 was raised between both activities.

## worship services & regular activities

### this week

#### FRIDAY 27 MAY

##### Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

A time aimed at families with young children - worship, activities, and a light meal.

#### SUNDAY 29 MAY

##### Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Including Baptism and Holy Communion

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### next week

#### MONDAY 30 MAY

##### Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

##### Monday Bible Study

Umina meeting room 10:30am

#### THURSDAY 2 JUNE

##### BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

#### FRIDAY 3 JUNE

##### Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

#### SUNDAY 5 JUNE

##### Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

PENTECOST

**WELCOME TO OLLIE AND HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO  
ARE HERE FOR OLLIE'S BAPTISM THIS MORNING.**

## scripture readings

	<b>SUNDAY 29 MAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY 5 JUNE</b>
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21
<b>PSALM</b>	Psalms 97	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Revelation 21:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Romans 8:14-17
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-17, (25-27)

## prayer

### **OF AN AFRICAN CHRISTIAN**

God,  
enlarge my heart that it may  
be big enough to receive the  
greatness of your love.  
Stretch my heart  
that it may take into it  
all those around the world  
who, with me, believe in  
Jesus Christ.  
Stretch it  
that it may take into it  
all those who are not lovely  
in my eyes,  
and whose hands I do not want  
to touch;  
through Jesus Christ,  
my saviour

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/angola-mozambique>

## we pray...

- with Peninsula Anglican Church
- with Terrigal Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Joice Tee, Yvonne and Doug Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Phil Juratowitch and their families
- for those who look after our properties
- and give thanks for the Presbytery Young Peoples Project
- with people from Angola, Mozambique
- for Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas

# congregation meeting

The Annual Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday 19th June. Please have any reports to the Church Office by Wednesday 1st June. We will also be electing members of Church Council, if you are interested in nominating someone, please pick up a copy of the nomination form from the table at the back of the church. Nominations for members of Church Council close on Wednesday 1st June. Any agenda items should be sent to Margaret Read by Wednesday 1st June.

Australia's  
**Biggest Morning Tea**

will be held from 9:30am  
**SATURDAY 11th JUNE**  
on the grounds of the  
**ET TALONG**  
**UNITING CHURCH**

The cake stall will include jams, pickles, cakes and slices - donations appreciated.

If you are unable to attend, monetary donations can be made by visiting [www.biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au) and selecting Broken Bay Uniting Church, or by scanning this QR code



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